

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**January 22, 2007**  
**Youth Center**  
**16 Park Road**  
**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

*Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities."*

Board Members: John Reed, Scott Valentino, Holly Dines, Silke Vom Bauer, Michael Branton, Melanie Peratis, Anya Schandler

Present: John Reed, Holly Dines, Scott Valentino, Melanie Peratis, Anya Schandler, Silke Vom Bauer, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The December minutes were approved with minor corrections. Changes to the agenda included tabling the presentation on CERT training by Craig Carroll to the February meeting.

1. Reports

- Chair-John announced that Michael would like to be the key point person for the town picnic this year. Melanie and Maria also agreed to be on the sub-committee.
- Treasurer-Silke requested that Ian submit the non-profit status form to her, Maria will follow up. She will also get Michael the budget from the 2006 picnic.
- Coordinator-Maria distributed a mailing from the public library regarding upcoming library hearings on their Master Plan. Maria stated it would be a good idea to start a binder as reference material for planning the town picnic.
- Discussion-Holly indicated there was an engineer serving as a new Ecofest member that was interested in re-building the School Street bridge. She will refer the matter to Linda Kelly.

2. Projects

Old Business:

- **Adopt-a-grandparent/child project** –After much research, John found a similar program on-line in Europe. There were some concerns regarding safety and liability issues. This topic will be raised at the next Ross Valley Senior's club to see if an interest exists within that group. Scott suggested the West Marin Exchange Board and the San Geronimo Valley Cultural Center as possible list serves to advertise the grandparent/child connection. Maria mentioned Bennett House as another potential resource.

- **Neighborhood groups**-John announced that the Jolly Hill neighborhood would like to organize a clean-up as part of their neighborhood project. They would like a debris box. Other topics of concern to the neighborhood include: access to Willow Space. A new neighborhood has been identified: Monte Cristo. Deer Park residents are interested in disaster training. Maria is keeping a list of CERT trained individuals in town. She will e-mail the upcoming CERT classes to Anya.
- **Website maintenance**-Scott asked that we all review the current Volunteer website and provide input to him on updates/improvements. One suggestion was more photographs.
- **Blood Drive**-Maria announced that Cindy Swift currently has 10 sign-ups for the blood drive on Saturday, and needs 15 more. An e-mail blast was disseminated announcing this event.

### New Business

- **Earth Day event**- in addition to brush clearing, it was suggested an aggressive anti-litter campaign be undertaken around town. Volunteers will be asked to help pick up trash on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Closed public right-of-ways are another safety concern to the group. These will be identified and reported to the Fire and/or Police Dept. for enforcement.
- **Inconvenient Truth**- a book club might incorporate this idea into the Festival parade.
- **Brewfest**-Maria announced Chris Lang had requested 16 volunteers to help on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion with set-up, decorating, ticket taking, bike parking, and security. In exchange they will be admitted free entrance into the event.
- **Neighborhood based CERT Training**-Craig Carroll will be requested to attend the February meeting to speak on the topic.

Next meeting scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.